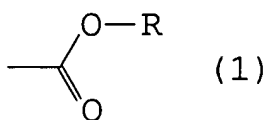


IN THE CLAIMS:

1. A coloring composition comprising:

(i) a soluble coloring agent precursor obtained by substituting a hydrogen atom of a NH group of a pigment molecule having at least one NH group with an alkoxycarbonyl group of the following general formula (1):



wherein R represents a tert-butyl group, a tert-amyl group, a 2-phenyl-2-propyl group or a diphenylmethyl group, and wherein the NH group is self-aggregating to form pigment particles by an intermolecular hydrogen bonding upon deprotecting the NH group by removal of the alkoxycarbonyl group, utilizing an acid catalyzed reaction.

(ii) an acid proliferation agent which reacts in the presence of an acid to newly generate ~~newly generating an acid by the action of an acid,~~ and

(iii) an acid former generating an acid by ~~the action of~~ activation with electromagnetic radiation ~~energy rays~~ or heat.

2. (Original) A transparent, colored resin composition comprising the coloring composition as defined in claim 1 and a binder resin.

3. (Currently Amended) A transparent, colored resin composition according to claim 2, wherein said binder resin comprises an electromagnetic radiation sensitive ~~activation energy-ray-sensitive~~ polymer which undergoes a structural change by the action of an acid to cause a change in solubility.
4. (Original) A composition for forming a transparent, colored resin, comprising the coloring composition as defined in claim 1, which is dissolved in a cationically polymerizable compound.
5. (Currently Amended) A composition for forming a transparent, colored resin, comprising a coloring composition according to claim 1 dissolved in a cationically polymerizable compound and/or radical ~~radically~~ polymerizable compound.
6. (Currently Amended) A transparent colored image formed by irradiating a composition according to claim 2 with electromagnetic energy ~~activation energy-rays~~.
7. (New) A transparent, colored resin composition according to claim 1 wherein said soluble coloring agent precursor is selected from the group consisting of indigo compounds, diketopyrrolopyrrole compounds and azo compounds.
8. (New) A transparent, colored resin composition according to claim 2 wherein said coloring composition and binder resin are in the form of a uniform solution.